Pension to employees absorbed in MTNL

2488. SHRI SANJAY RAUT: Will the Minister of COMMUNICATIONS AND INFORMATION TECHNOLOGY be pleased to state:

(a) whether it is a fact that Government have agreed in principle, to pay the pension to Government employees absorbed in MTNL and opted for Government pension;

(b) if so, whether the necessary notification has been issued to that effect; and

(c) if not, the reasons therefor?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF COMMUNICATIONS AND INFORMATION TECHNOLOGY (DR. SHAKEEL AHMAD): (a) to (c) The pension to the Government employees absorbed in MTNL prior to 30.9.2000 shall be determined by OM NO. 4/18/87-P & PW (D) dated 5th July 1989 and the pension of the Government employees absorbed after 30.9.2000 shall be determined by Notification No. 4/61/99-P & PW (D) dated 30th September, 2000 issued by Ministry of Personnel, Public Grievances and Pension as per effective date of absorption.

Electronic and hardware policy

2489. SHRI RAMA MUNI REDDY SIRIGIREDDY: Will the Minister of COMMUNICATIONS & INFORMATION TECHNOLOGY be pleased to state:

(a) whether it is a fact that Government have formulated electronic and hardware policy;

(b) if so, the salient features of the policy; and

(c) in what manner the policy ensures strong linkage between industry and universities to boost R&D?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF COMMUNICATIONS AND INFORMATION TECHNOLOGY (DR. SHAKEEL AHMAD): (a) to (c) The Draft Paper on "National Electronics/IT Hardware Manufacturing Policy" was formulated by the Department of Information Technology. The salient features as proposed in the Draft Paper are given in the enclosed Statement-I (*See* below). The measures proposed in the Draft Paper for supporting R&D are given in the enclosed Statement-II.